(b) if so, by when this construction work would be started and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Finance Minister announced 1,000 km. of expressway along the coiridors of Vadodara-Mumbai (400 km.) and six others from which the balance 600 km. were to be selected. Delhi-Jaipur was one such corridor. Further decision for Delhi-Jaipur expressway is yet to be taken.

However, Delhi-Jaipur section has been approved for six laning and the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) concession for the project has been awarded in February, 2008 under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V.

Proposals from Kerala

2268. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending proposals received from the State Government of Kerala for construction of by-passes in the State; and

(b) the status of each proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) There is no proposal pending in the Ministry regarding construction of bypass in the State of Kerala.

(b) Does not arise.

Road to New Mangalore Port Trust

2269. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new road connectivity to the extent of 37.47 kilometres to the New Mangalore Port Trust was proposed and the contract had been awarded to IRCON on 16th June, 2005 with targeted date for completion as 15th December, 2007 at an estimated cost of Rs. 168.21 crores;

(b) whether there is no sign of the work being completed in the near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures that are contemplated to ensure expeditious implementation of the project with minimum time and cost overrun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The target date of completion was 15th December, 2007. However, due to delay in completion of land acquisition and other pre-construction activities, the work has been delayed.

(d) The measures taken for ensuring expeditious implementation of this project include close monitoring of the project by holding monthly and quarterly review meetings, at various levels, proposed signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NHAI and